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### **West Valley City Resident Named One of Only Five Gates Millennium Scholars in Utah**

West Valley City – West Valley City resident Anand Singh has been named a 2012 Gates Millennium Scholar. The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program awards 1,000 good-through-graduation scholarships to use at any accredited college or university. Singh intends to pursue a doctorate in biomedical engineering and is one of only five students to be named a Gates Millennium Scholar in the State of Utah. The West Valley City Council will recognize him on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

“I feel very blessed to be named a Gates Millennium Scholar,” said Singh. “This is an opportunity for me to achieve my dream of a college education and enjoy the experience to the fullest. The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is more than just a scholarship. The program provides the chance to meet other Gates Scholars and really provides a whole community backing me throughout my academic efforts.”

Singh recently graduated from Granger High School with high honors as salutatorian and a 4.0 GPA. He was the Sterling Scholar for Granger High School in social sciences and served as a Senior Class Officer and as the West Valley City Youth Council Mayor along with participating in Key Club and Boys State. Singh plans to attend the University of Utah for a year before transferring to John Hopkins University, Stanford University, Harvard University or Yale University.

Besides financial support, the GMS Program also provides leadership development opportunities, mentoring and academic and social support. The Gates Millennium Scholarship is administered by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and began in 1999 to with the goal of developing future leaders. The program is funded by a grant donated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and has awarded over 16,000 GMS scholarships.

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